

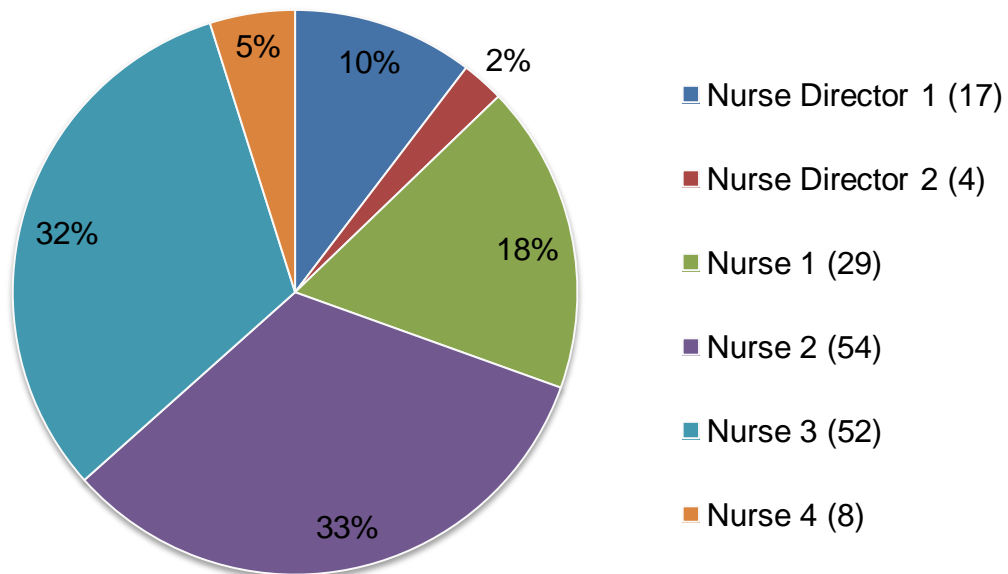


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## West Virginia Public Health Nurses

The public health nursing landscape has changed in West Virginia local health departments significantly over the last four years. According to data collected by the Division of Local Health in the FY2008 Program Plan, 213 nurses worked in local health departments. In the FY2012 Program Plan, 164 nurses were reported as working in local health departments representing a decrease of the public health nursing workforce.

### Public Health Nurses by Division of Personnel Classification



Source: FY2012 Program Plan (N=164)

A description of Division of Personnel (DOP) Classifications for the nursing categories can be found by clicking on the web link below. The Classification descriptions are maintained by the West Virginia (DOP) and are used in the hiring practices of local health departments. Functional job descriptions are maintained locally by the local health department administrator.

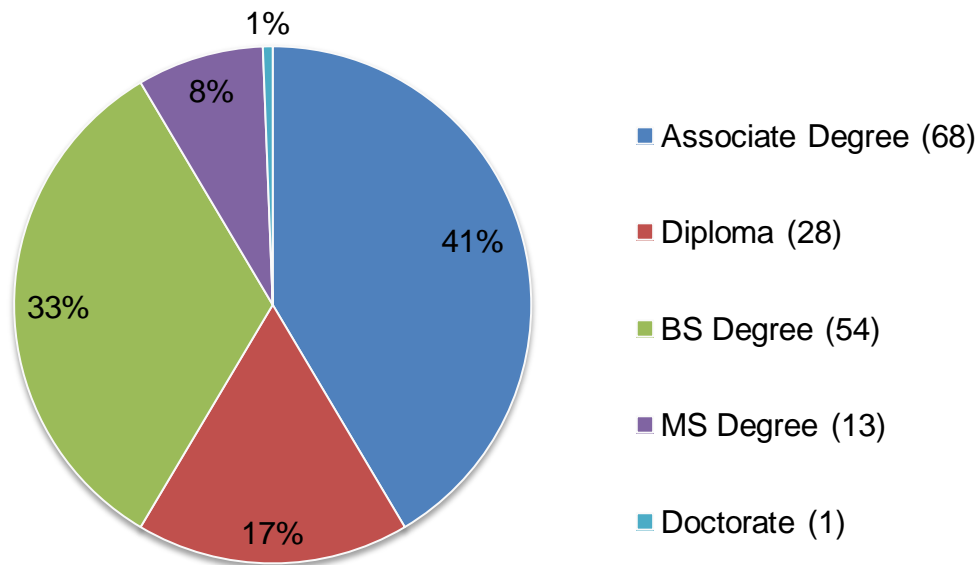
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According to the 2010 National Profile of Local Health Departments conducted by NACCHO, 209 out of 335 local health department executives with an associate's degree also reported licensure as a Registered Nurse. Public health nurses make up around 17% of the nationwide local health department workforce according to the National Profile.

**West Virginia Public Health Nurses Highest Level of Education**



**Source: FY2012 Program Plan (N=164)**

Most West Virginia Public Health Nurses have reported Associate Degree as their highest level of education (41%) followed by Bachelor's Degree (33%). 17% report having a Diploma, 8% report a Masters Degree and lastly 1% reports having a Doctorate.